

LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT TO
DESCRIPTION, CLAIMS AND DRAWINGS UNDER ARTICLE 34

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Sir/Madam:

This letter is now submitted to accompany the amendment under Article 34 filed on March 20, 2001.

The International Search Report in the above identified PCT application indicates that claims 1-7 as originally filed lack an inventive step and novelty as being obvious and anticipated over/by the cited documents.

In reply to the International Search Report, enclosed are replacement pages for the whole original application, reflecting amendments to the description, claims and drawings. More specifically, drawings have been amended as follows; Fig. 1a to 4 amended except Fig. 1b, among theses, Fig. 3a, 3b and 4 renumbered to Fig. 4, 6a and 5, and Fig. 3a, 3b and Fig. 6b to 8b newly added. The description has been also amended accordingly, and claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended and claims 2 to 4, 7 have been deleted.

Please consider the following remarks addressing main features of this invention. This invention is configured to switch on and off a main power source by electronic switching operations conducted by a main circuit-end electromagnet and a main circuit-end vertical moving member, and to selectively enable a star or delta connection in accordance with the switching operation of a star-delta connection-end electromagnet and a star-delta connection-end vertical moving member. As such, different from a conventional star or delta switch using at least 2 or 3 electromagnetic contactors, this invention discloses a single electromagnetic switch device for star-delta connections of a three-phase electric motor, so that it can simplify the wiring required for desired connections, and achieve improvements in assemblability and productivity, thereby obtain an enhanced stability against erroneous connections.

Therefore, this invention is allowable as being remarkably effective, and the amendments to the description, claims and drawings should prove marked technical progress in this invention compared to the cited inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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